UGC classification of stenography

1467. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has received a proposal for classification of stenography under the Social Science, Language Faculty;

(b) if so, the action taken by the UGC in this regard;

(c) whether Shorthand and Typewriting (English and Hindi) subjects are codified separately as language subject at +2 level or at Degree level;

(d) if so, the difficulties in classifying these subjects as language;

(e) whether the UGC does not realize the importance of Stenography in all the wings of a democracy the Executive, Judiciary and Legislature; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the UGC in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) According to the information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Shorthand and Typewriting (English and Hindi) are codified under the vocational stream. Since, these subjects are skill based, hence these are not classified under languages.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Lateral entry in engineering colleges

1468. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under GSR 320 of the AICTE, diploma holders are to be allowed lateral entry in the second year in IITs, EDP of Jamia Millia Islamia University, DCE, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology and other Engg. colleges through AIEEE;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether provisions of the aforesaid GSR are being followed by these institutions;

(d) if so, the number of students allowed such lateral entry during last three years in each institutions;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to ensure implementation of the above orders including de-recognition of the defaulting institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) The GSR 320 of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) dated 11.07.1992 provides guidelines for lateral entry of diploma holders in the second year/third semester level of the engineering degree programme. According to these guidelines, for being eligible to seek such lateral entry, a candidate must have passed the diploma in engineering in the relevant branch with a minimum of 60% in the aggregate. The selection of candidates is based on a State level entrance test, the merit ranking in the test being the basis of admission. Seats in addition to the sanctioned intake at first year level, limited to a maximum of 10% are reserved for such students. The IITs do not fall within the purview of AICTE. The AICTE approved technical institutes are required to follow the above guidelines. The data pertaining to students admitted under the lateral entry scheme is not maintained centrally.

Decline in expenditure on higher education

1469. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per student expenditure on the higher education has declined from Rs. 7,676 in 1990-91 to Rs. 5,500 in 2002-03, as per the report of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the Committee to upgrade the higher education system in the country?